

Re: New Tents On Tamarind Avenue

**Subject:** Re: New Tents On Tamarind Avenue  
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**Date:** 2/12/19, 4:23 PM  
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Does the UHRC have a recommended strategy?

Also adding LAHSA to the email thread.

Thanks.

Brian

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On Feb 12, 2019, at 4:20 PM, Shannon Geaney <[35012@lapd.online](mailto:35012@lapd.online) <<mailto:35012@lapd.online>>> wrote:

LT,

All of the Rapid Response efforts have been minimally invasive for example removal of voluntarily discarded trash and bulky items. It was only when the tents were removed from the sidewalk on January 28th that the full breadth of the problem was evident.

The email from the apartment resident and photos were very recent so I believe the problem still exists.

I appreciate your assistance.

Respectfully,

Shannon

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From: Emada Tingirides  
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 4:16:28 PM  
To: Shannon Geaney; Sean Starkey; Brian Buchner  
Cc: Gabriel Ruiz; Adrian Maxwell; Dominic Choi; Monique Contreras; Celina Robles  
Subject: Re: New Tents On Tamarind Avenue

Hi Sgt. Geaney,

Re: New Tents On Tamarind Avenue

Thank You for the information and follow up. I have included the OWB HOPE Sergeant as well. The UHRC identified that Rapid Response has been conducted six times at Carlos and Tamirand in the past several weeks and visited by the OWB HOPE Team. Do you know if these rodents have been removed from the location already and if not the exact location of them?

Brian, can you coordinate a discussion with LASAN to help strategize this location in the ABH Zone?

Thank You all in Advance,

Take Care,

Emada

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From: Shannon Geaney  
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 3:48:46 PM  
To: Emada Tingirides; Sean Starkey  
Cc: Gabriel Ruiz  
Subject: Fw: New Tents On Tamarind Avenue

LT,

When we did the CSLA clean up last week (after NOT having done a clean up since October in this area) I was STUNNED by the amount of rodent feces (I am no biologist but I am certain that's what it was) that was left behind on the sidewalk. It was VERY VERY obvious that there is a massive infestation in the area. Bureau of Sanitation did not bring a power-washer and the area was weakly (not WEEKLY) sprayed with a garden sprayer with some bleach solution.

I implore the decision makers to recognize this for the public health hazard it is. It is clearly now affecting the apartment dwellers in a much more than anecdotal or inconvenient way. We need to conduct regular clean-ups at our entrenched encampments to stem this infestation.

Please advise on the availability of a CSLA slot or Rapid Response Team that can address Carlos and Tamarind and the nearby Gower and the 101 which is equally unhealthful.

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Respectfully,

Sgt Geaney

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From: Gil Maclang <[gilmaclang@yahoo.com](mailto:gilmaclang@yahoo.com) <<mailto:gilmaclang@yahoo.com>>>  
Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 4:33 PM  
To: Dan Halden  
Cc: Shannon Geaney; Michael Benavente  
Subject: New Tents On Tamarind Avenue

Hi Dan,

We are again seeking your help in containing the expanding encampment on Tamarind Avenue. It started with one little tent last week and now has grown to 5 tents and some of them directly across our front gate and building. Yesterday, our electricity box was broken into (see attached photo) with the occupants of the big tent across our building as the main suspects. I didn't have the time to sit and review the camera for that day which I believe would not matter anyway if I attached a snapshot of the person who vandalized it. The point is, we are under siege and we are helpless and defenseless against the homeless population creeping into the little space we call our front yard. As I mentioned in my earlier email, bad things happen whenever these transients are camped out close to our building. And that is just the immediate threat we are facing. With the news of typhus scare affecting city hall employees, it made us realize that some of the building residents next to the encampment on Carlos Avenue and Tamarind Avenue may already be suffering from the disease without knowing it. I have recently received complaints from two residents of the presence of mice in their units. I have attached photos of dead rat/mouse to prove my case. This has never happened before and for the first time I had requested our pest control company for treatment and traps. Even roaches that can be seen crawling in and around our building are carriers of deadly diseases. These transients don't have toilets and trash bins and because no one is regulating the disposal of their waste they discard them in the most unhealthy way. The cul-de-sac area where the planters are located is probably serving as their toilet now - who's to stop them.

So please, we are appealing to you and everyone out there who can help us. We will only feel safer if Tamarind Avenue remains tent free. Now that the rains have stopped, we hope you can do something to prevent it from getting worse than it already is.

Thank you.

Gil